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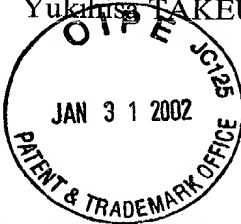
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For: CELL DRIVING TYPE ACTUATOR AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants wish to amend the subject application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0011] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0011] The present invention has been completed in view of the above mentioned problems. That is, the theme to be solved by the invention is to provide a piezoelectric/electrostrictive actuator to which a high-temperature heating process can be applied, which ensures mass production at a low cost, which can be driven with a high-strength electric field, slit portions may form cells defined by the lines inclusive of lines other than the straight line with cell width of 60 μm or less, and in which the cells have a high aspect ratio, thereby enabling a greater displacement to be realized with a weaker electric field, and also to provide a method for manufacturing such an actuator.